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Subject: Request for Permission to Conduct Reclamation on Property, Monument Resources, Limestone Mine, File No. S/037/0123, San Juan County, Utah

To Whom It May Concern:

On June 29, 2015, the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (the Division) sent a letter to Nordeen Family Properties, L.L.C. (NFP) notifying it of an unpermitted mining operation on property owned by NFP in San Juan County, Utah. The Division did not receive a response to this letter. The operation in question is located in the South ½ of the Southwest ¼ of the Northwest ¼, and in the North ½ of the Northwest ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 6, Township 42 South, Range 19 East, Salt Lake Base and Meridian (identified as the "Johney 4 Placer Mining Claim," Survey No. 6661) (maps attached).

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The operator, Monument Resources L.L.C., quarried rock without a permit on NFP's property, and created approximately four acres of surface disturbance. William Gaines and Brooke Heddlesten are the members of Monument Resources. Beginning in 2010, the Division made all reasonable efforts to have Monument Resources come into compliance with the rules and laws of the State of Utah that pertain to conducting mining operations. However, Mr. Gaines ultimately rejected these efforts and refused to post a reclamation surety or complete the permitting process.

The Division issued a cessation order to Monument Resources requiring it to reclaim the site by June 20, 2015. The Division inspected the site on June 25, 2015, and found that no reclamation had been conducted. The Division then filed a Notice of Agency Action (NOAA) before the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining (the Board), which sought a Board Order (1) finding that Monument Resources failed to reclaim the site; (2) authorizing the Division to conduct the required reclamation; and (3) authorizing the Division to recover the costs of reclamation, as well as civil penalties, in a civil action against Monument Resources. The Division sent the NOAA to NFP's address it had on file. A hearing proceeded before the Board on February 24, 2016, and the Board granted the Division's request for relief. The Board's secretary sent NFP a copy of the Board Order on March 24, 2016.

To comply with the Board's Order, the Division requests permission from NFP to enter its property to reclaim the disturbance caused by Monument Resources. Please respond in writing by September 19, 2016, to inform the Division as to whether NFP is willing to allow the Division to conduct reclamation on NFP's property. If the Division does not hear from NFP, the Division will seek a writ of assistance in the appropriate Utah district court as necessary to enforce the Board Order and allow the Division to enter NFP's property to reclaim the disturbance.

If you wish to discuss the situation and this request, please contact me at 801-538-7227, Paul Baker at 801-538-5261, or Mike Bradley at 801-538-5332. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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